



# ***EASTER FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE***

*Featuring*  
**Really Easy Afternoon**  
**Under 21 Pairs Championship**  
**Championship Pairs**  
for the *Guardian Trophy*  
**Swiss Teams Championship**  
for the *Rixi Markus Trophy*  
**Swiss Pairs Championship**

**Royal National Hotel, London**  
**14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Royal National Hotel, London, and to the 2017 Easter Festival of Bridge. We would like to take this opportunity to extend a special welcome to our usual quota of overseas visitors as well as to the junior players who will be competing in the Under 21 Pairs Championship on Saturday.

Once again we also have the Really Easy Afternoon on Friday, for players making the first step from club bridge to playing in an EBU tournament. We offer a particularly warm welcome to all of them, and hope to see them at other EBU events in the future.

## TIMES OF PLAY

<b>Friday</b>	2:00pm - 5:30pm	<b>Championship Pairs</b> , early session 1
	4:00pm - 7:30pm	<b>Championship Pairs</b> , session 1
	4:00pm - 7:30pm	<b>Really Easy Afternoon</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	11:45am - 3:10pm	<b>Championship Pairs</b> , session 2
	4:00pm - 7:25pm	<b>Championship Pairs</b> , session 3
<b>Sunday</b>	11:30am - 2:30pm	<b>Stratified Swiss Teams 1</b> : 3 x 7-boards
	3:30pm - 7:30pm	<b>Stratified Swiss Teams 2</b> : 4 x 7-boards
<b>Monday</b>	11:30am - 2:30pm	<b>Flighted Swiss Pairs 1</b> : 3 x 7-boards
	3:30pm - 7:30pm	<b>Flighted Swiss Pairs 2</b> : 4 x 7-boards

## CONGRESS HOST

John Vos has been appointed as a Tournament Host for this event. If you need any help in non-bridge-related matters, or wish to discuss any aspect of the tournament, he will be happy to speak to you, and should be available at EBU reception at the start and end of sessions.

## BRIDGEMATES

North (or South) is responsible for entering the contract & result into the Bridgemate, and East (or West) must be shown it to verify its accuracy by pressing the ACCEPT button.

It is best to enter the contract, declarer and lead at the end of the auction – this saves time, reduces the risk of entering the wrong board number, and ensures the lead is fresh in your mind.

Entering the lead accurately not only provides extra information of interest to players, but can also assist the scorer in resolving errors of data-entry.

In response to requests from players, we display the results from other tables on the Bridgemates in pairs events. A consequence of this is that you must ensure you always enter the correct board number; if you enter the wrong board number and see the results from a board you have not yet played, you will usually make that board unplayable and therefore be assigned a score of Ave minus. Both pairs are responsible in this regard. It is an offence to attempt to access the TD screen or change a score in the Bridgemate without calling the TD.

***Bridgemate UK is the EBU's "Official Wireless Scoring Provider"***

## **PARKING**

Please note the various parking details around the venue. On Good Friday and Easter Monday, there will be no parking enforcements on single yellow lines, or in resident, pay and display, permit holders, bays. However, there will be the usual enforcements on Easter Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday's start time is 15 minutes later than other days to allow players to park in a metered bay and pay for 2 hours to cover the period until 1.30pm, after which parking is free. DO PLEASE CHECK THAT YOU PARK IN AN AREA WHERE THIS IS SO – SOME AREAS TO THE SOUTH AND WEST OF THE HOTEL HAVE RESTRICTIONS UNTIL 6.30PM.

## **GENERAL**

### ***Systems/conventions:***

You are required to have a pair of identical completed system cards and you should exchange them with your opponents at the start of each round. If you do not have two completed system cards, you will be provided with blank system cards to fill out before play may continue, receiving a score of **average minus for any boards unplayed** due to the time lost in doing this. Since all competitions in this event are Level 4 you may not use WBF system cards, which are only permitted in EBU Level 5 events.

### ***Best Behaviour at Bridge***

Please be nice to your partner, be pleasant to your opponents and be polite to the Tournament Directors. Otherwise you may well be given a Disciplinary Penalty!

### ***Telephones and other electrical devices***

Please switch off your mobile phone. If you must have it on for emergencies, switch it to silent and leave the playing area before answering it. You may not use any electronic equipment within the playing room for texting, emailing or

otherwise communicating. You may not use electronic cigarettes in the playing room.

***Pairs requiring teammates:***

Pairs requiring teammates for the Swiss Teams should enter their names on the list on the main notice board by 3:00pm on Saturday. Please remember to delete your names if you subsequently manage to make your own arrangements (again, by 3:00pm on Saturday). Otherwise, please report to EBU reception at 11:00am on Sunday in order to be introduced to your teammates. Please note that we can make no guarantees whatsoever regarding our ability to find teammates on your behalf.

***Prizes:***

All prizes will be automatically credited to the member's EBU account, and may be redeemed at any time on application to the EBU. The prize values quoted assume a certain level of entry, and are subject to alteration should the actual entry be significantly different from that originally envisaged. An appropriate announcement would be made before the half-way stage of the tournament in question should this eventuality arise.

***Master Points:***

All Master Points will be awarded by direct credit but can take up to a month to show on your record. Ranking lists are available from our web site at [www.ebu.co.uk](http://www.ebu.co.uk).

***Appeals Advisors***

Brian Senior and Neil Rosen are the Appeals Advisors for this event. If you are considering an appeal and would like to discuss it with someone first, ask a tournament director to introduce you to one of them.

**CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS**

***for the Guardian Trophy – holders Mark Teltscher & Tom Townsend***

A three-session stratified pairs event scored across the field, with a 'movement of lines' for subsequent sessions. The first session will have an early start option at 2pm.

***Starting instructions:***

Starting positions for the Championship Pairs have been prepared in advance and will be displayed on the main notice-board as well as in a separate booklet. Please do not concern yourselves about any spelling errors at this stage, but

enter your EBU number correctly in the Bridgемate and mark your name slip clearly at the start of the event including details of your stratification (see below).

**Stratification:**

‘A’: at least one member of the partnership is a Premier Life Master or above.

‘B’: at least one member of the partnership is a Premier Regional Master or above, and neither member is a Premier Life Master or above.

‘C’: neither member of the partnership is a Premier Regional Master or above.

[Ranks are based on points earned, regardless of whether registered or not, on the first day of play. Overseas visitors with master-point records held outside of the UK are normally obliged to be category ‘A’ players].

**Master Points**

Awards for subsequent places on each of the stratified lists will be in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula. Awards will extend to the top half of the field on each list.

Main ranking list (categories A, B and C combined): a top award of 8.00 green points, with a minimum award of 2.00.

Categories ‘B’ + ‘C’ combined ranking: a top award of 4.00 green points, with a minimum award of 1.00.

Category ‘C’ only ranking: a top bonus award of 2.00 green points, with a minimum award of 0.50.

It follows that category ‘A’ pairs can only win awards by coming in the top one-half of the overall field.

Category ‘B’ pairs can win awards by coming either in the top one-half of the overall field, or by coming in the top one-half of the combined ‘B’ + ‘C’ category. If both of these factors apply, then they receive the higher of the two awards.

Category ‘C’ pairs can win awards by coming either in the top one-half of the overall field OR by coming in the top one-half of the combined ‘B’ + ‘C’ category OR by coming in the top one-half of their own category only. If two or three of the factors apply, then they receive the highest award available.

**Prizes (Championship Pairs):**

All prizes are quoted in terms of £ per pair, based on expected entry of 96 pairs.

Main prize list (all three categories combined) [13 prizes]:

1<sup>st</sup> £220, 2<sup>nd</sup> £170, 3<sup>rd</sup> £150, 4<sup>th</sup> £130, 5<sup>th</sup> £110, 6<sup>th</sup> £100, 7<sup>th</sup> £90, 8<sup>th</sup> £80, 9<sup>th</sup> £70,

10<sup>th</sup> £60, 11<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> £50, 13<sup>th</sup> £40.

'B' and 'C' list combined [4 prizes]: 1<sup>st</sup> £80, 2<sup>nd</sup> £60, 3<sup>rd</sup> £50, 4<sup>th</sup> £40.

'C' list only [1 prize]: 1<sup>st</sup> £40.

Pairs are limited to one prize per pair, which shall be the highest one available to them. Any prize so released will be awarded to the next pair in line in the appropriate category.

Thus, two prizes will always be awarded to 'B' and 'C' level pairs not finishing in the main prize list, though the actual values awarded may be different to those quoted above (as when there are higher ranked 'B' and 'C' level pairs within the main prize list).

Similarly, one prize will always be awarded to 'C' level pairs not finishing in either of the other two prize lists, though again, the actual value may be different for the same reason above.

### ***Starting positions for subsequent sessions:***

A poster will be displayed on the main notice-board describing the movement of lines from one session to the next.

## **CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS**

*for the Rixi Markus Trophy*

*– holders Janet De Botton, Thor Erik Hoftaniska, Tom Townsend, Nick Sandqvist*

This two-session event is stratified into three categories:-

'A': at least two members of the team are Premier Life Masters, or any player is a Grand Master or above (or is in the Gold Point top 60, or has the NGS grade of 'Ace').

'B': at least two members of the team are Premier Regional Masters or above and no more than one is a Premier Life Master.

'C': no more than one player is of the rank Premier Regional Master or above, and in any case no single player is a Premier Life Master or above.

Three matches of 7 boards will be played in the first session. Four matches of 7 boards will be played in the second session.

### ***Starting instructions:***

Team captains should draw for a starting position from just outside the main playing area from ¾ hour before the scheduled starting time of the event.

### ***Master Points:***

0.25 Green Point per match won (0.13 for a draw) with bonus ranking awards as follows:

Main ranking list (categories 'A' and 'B' combined) a top award of 6.00 green points, with a minimum of 0.50.

Category 'B' and 'C' combined: a top award of 3.00 green points with a minimum award of 0.25.

Category 'C' only ranking list: a top award of 1.50 green points with a minimum award of 0.13.

Awards extend to one-fifth of the field on each such list – please refer to the general description contained within the Championship Pairs section for further details. Awards for subsequent places on each stratified list will be in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

### **Prizes:**

All prizes are quoted in terms of £ per team, with expected entry of 56 teams.

Main prize list (all three categories combined) [8 prizes]:

1<sup>st</sup> £300, 2<sup>nd</sup> £220, 3<sup>rd</sup> £180, 4<sup>th</sup> £160, 5<sup>th</sup> £140, 6<sup>th</sup> £120, 7<sup>th</sup> £100, 8<sup>th</sup> £80.

'B' and 'C' list combined [3 prizes]: 1<sup>st</sup> £120, 2<sup>nd</sup> £80, 3<sup>rd</sup> £60.

'C' list only [1 prize]: 1<sup>st</sup> £60.

Teams are limited to one prize per team, which shall be the highest one available to them. Any prize so released will be awarded to the next team in line in the appropriate category. See also Championship Pairs above.

## **SWISS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP**

*Holders – "A" flight Waseem Naqvi & Tony Waterlow*

*"B" flight Andy Margetts & Michelle Margetts*

This will be 'flighted' into two groups, the second of which will further be stratified.

The 'A' flight is open to anyone, but any pair containing a Premier Life Master or above must enter the 'A' flight.

The 'B' flight is open to any pair not containing a Premier Life Master or above, unless they prefer to compete in the 'A' flight.

Pairs containing no Premier Regional Master or above, playing in the 'B' flight, will be in the 'C' category for which additional masterpoints and prizes will be awarded.

All overseas visitors are normally obliged to enter the 'A' flight, as are junior internationals.

In all cases, these will be two-session Swiss Pairs events consisting of 3 x 7-board matches in session one and 4 x 7-board matches in session two. Scoring will be by match points (the normal pairs scoring method) converted to Victory Points on a 20 to 0 scale. Assignments will be made on a Current Round basis.

### **Starting instructions:**

Please draw for a starting position from outside the main playing area from ¾ hour prior to the scheduled starting time of the event.

### **Prizes:**

That which follows assumes a typical ratio of entries into the three categories (A, B and C). Modifications will be made should the actual entry be significantly different in one or more of the groups, or if the overall entry is other than as the expected 110 pairs. All prizes are quoted in terms of £ per pair.

Flight	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>
'A'	£220	£160	£140	£120	£100	£80	£60	£40
'B'	£100	£80	£60					
'C'	£60							

### **Master Points (Swiss Pairs):**

0.25 Green Point for each match won in both flights (0.13 for a draw), plus awards based on final ranking as follows:

#### *'A' Flight:*

Awards to the top quarter of the field.

Top award of 6.00, minimum award of 0.50.

#### *'B' Flight:*

Awards to the top one-sixth of the field.

Top award of 3.00, minimum award of 0.25.

#### *'C' Category:*

Awards to the top one-sixth of the eligible pairs.

Top award of 1.50, minimum award of 0.13.

In all cases, awards for intermediate places are in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.



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